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| (-/)   | NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).   |   |   |  |
| 4. 🔲 Th  | e amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1   |   | Non-Compliant Amendmen  | t (PTOL-324).                                |
| 5. 🔲 Ap  | plicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s)  | );  |   |  |
| nor  | ewly proposed or amended claim(s) would be a n-allowable claim(s).   |   | •   |  |
| hov<br>The   | r purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a)<br>we the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro<br>e status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:   |   | )   | explanation of                               |
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|  | im(s) withdrawn from consideration:  'IT OR OTHER EVIDENCE   |   |   |  |
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